

# John 9:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.' Opinion divides among the Pharisees themselves. Some see Sabbath violation as proof of sin; others see the miracle as proof of divine power. The division shows that evidence doesn't automatically produce agreement. Presuppositions determine conclusions.

## Historical Context

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This internal disagreement among Pharisees shows the miracle's undeniable power. Even those predisposed to oppose Jesus couldn't deny the reality. Nicodemus may have been among the sympathetic faction. The division would persist.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. Why does the same evidence produce opposite conclusions?
2. How do presuppositions affect interpretation of spiritual evidence?

## Interlinear Text

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ἔλεγον οὖν ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων τινές οὗτος ὁ  
**said** **Therefore** **of** G3588 **the Pharisees** **some** **This** G3588  
G3004 G3767 G1537 G5330 G5100 G3778

ἄνθρωπος οὐ ἔστιν παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι τὸ  
**a man** **not** **is** **of** G3588 **God** **because** G3588  
G444 G3756 G2076 G3844 G2316 G3754

σάββατον οὐ τηρεῖ ἄλλοι ἔλεγον Πῶς δύναται  
**the sabbath day** **not** **he keepeth** **Others** **said** **How** **can**  
G4521 G3756 G5083 G243 G3004 G4459 G1410

ἄνθρωπος ἁμαρτωλὸς τοιαῦτα σημεῖα ποιεῖν καὶ σχίσμα  
**a man** **that is a sinner** **such** **miracles** **do** **And** **a division**  
G444 G268 G5108 G4592 G4160 G2532 G4978

ἦν ἐν αὐτοῖς  
**there was** **among** **them**  
G2258 G1722 G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 7:43** (Parallel theme): So there was a division among the people because of him.

**John 10:19** (Parallel theme): There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.

**Matthew 12:2** (Resurrection): But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

**John 3:2** (References God): The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

**John 7:12** (Parallel theme): And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

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